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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 781

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieber

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An act to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 51430) to Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 781, as amended, Lieber. ~~Retroactive~~ *World War II internees:* high school diplomas.

Existing law sets forth the requirements for the issuance of high school diplomas or equivalency certificates.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, authorize a high school district, unified school district, or county office of education, to retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former pupil who ~~served in and was honorably discharged from the United States military or who was interned in the United States by order of the federal government during prescribed time periods~~ *World War II, as provided.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 51430)
is added to Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 3.5. High School Diplomas for World War II Veterans
and Internees

51430. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
contrary, a high school district, unified school district, or county
office of education, may retroactively grant a high school diploma
to a person who has not received a high school diploma if he or she
meets any of the following conditions:

(1) The person attended a high school operated by the school
district or under the jurisdiction of the county office of education
at any time from 1937 to 1940, inclusive, and either served in the
United States military at any time from September 16, 1940, to
December 31, 1946, inclusive, and was honorably discharged, or
was interned in a relocation camp within the United States at any
time from September 16, 1940, to December 31, 1946, inclusive.

(2) The person attended a high school operated by the school
district or under the jurisdiction of the county office of education
at any time from 1946 to 1950, inclusive, and served in the United
States military at any time from June 25, 1950, to January 31,
1955, and was honorably discharged.

(b) In order to qualify for a diploma pursuant to subdivision (a),
the person must have been enrolled in the high school was interned by
order of the federal government during World War II and was
enrolled in a high school operated by the school district or under
the jurisdiction of the county office of education immediately
preceding his or her military service or internment and did not
receive a high school diploma because the pupil's education was
interrupted due to his or her military service or internment during
World War II.